



Grade One Newsletter January 2013

Blasting off into Space!!

First Grade is blasting off into space this trimester and we will be learning about our amazing planet and Solar System. The classes are researching using information books, videos and computer sites to gather facts for interesting assignments. The children are learning about our place in space and what makes our blue planet, Earth, so special and how we can keep it that way. We are happy for the students to bring in anything related to this subject to share with their friends.

We are also learning about forces, identifying how things move, in our mini-unit "Pushing and Pulling". This links with our upcoming work on magnets and magnetic energy. We will be conducting lots of experiments which teach us new vocabulary and concepts while having lots of fun together.

In class we are continuing with differentiated phonics, word recognition, spelling and handwriting. In Maths we are working on solving logic problems, place value and grouping numbers. We are learning to tell the time and the vocabulary for time measurement. Speaking of calendars we have several upcoming events to tell you about. We will have further information coming home to you about them shortly; it's just a heads up.

Tuesday 5th Feb Mrs. Patterson's and Mrs Featherstone's classes

Thursday Feb 7th February Mrs. Dwyer's and Mr. Bevan's classes

Visit to the Natural History Museum in Luxembourg. Leaving school at 9.00 and back in time for lunch. We will need 2 chaperones for each class, so please e-mail the teacher if you are interested! Permission slips to follow.

Tuesday 5th Feb

100 days at school please bring in a collection of small objects that week for lots of counting activities.

Thursday 28th Feb.

A visit to a local theatre company Traffo to watch the performance **L'APRES-MIDI D'UN FOEHN**
No chaperones needed for this event.

Wednesday 20th February

Dad's Magnet morning. A chance for fathers to come in and have lots of fun being scientists with their children. More details to follow.

Wednesday 6th. March. 11.00a.m.

The fabulous First Grade show. Tell your family and friends to save the date!

A lot of learning, writing and reading is happening this term and we will keep working with our Fourth Grade buddies too! Keep wrapped up and warm in this cold weather.

The First Grade Team.